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WEBATION CONVENTION. EKIND OF NORTH CAROLIN-INS WHO REPRESENTED

THE STATE. pasant Dinner Complimentary to Governor-- North Carolina on

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SCYPLES, N. C., Dec. 17.—This aftera pleasuat party sat down to an and dinner at the Battery Park hotel, mordment and good cheer added Matthens, A. W. Marshall, W. H. Maampuous repast. The dinner was genaphmentary to Gov. Fowle by members of his military staff, Col. as 8 Cann and Capt. Benehan gas, of Staggsville, and the follow-

wenter Fawle; General Manager of the Inter States Bureau; of Columbian Exposition, Mr. and of Kantucky; Chas. H. Cong Virg the; Col. T. B Keough, N. maissoner to Columbian Exposit-Co. A B Andrews, N. C. Comand the Commbian Exposition; Col. w hams, of the Governor's perseff of Newton; Major C. D. on of Ashevil; Col. W. H. S. gia, charman N. C. delegation; fee Powell, of Florida; Kope Elias, gaset Co : Henry Fairfax, of Vir-Etal I A. Bugg, of Put Co.; B age ant, of Vance Co ; W. S. Primgan't com ou Columbian Exposiof Ruleigo: P. M. Wilson, member Weightstell Avery, of Asheville; Vataker, of Alamance Cv.; Col. Keremer of Wilmington; F H. Josephus Daniels, Raleigh; in F. Wilson, of Gaston county. labetch of the popular host was seel by Col. BURGWYN, and Mr. prepented in a most happy vein, ME CAMERON in bright and numor-

N. C. Oa Committe: s. Karb Carolina is represented in the mon on the committees as fol-

nder of business and rulese Elas Credentials-Wharton J. Remations -Al Fairbrother; Pertagniza for -P.M. Wilson; Leg-... W. M. Robbins; Foreign and an immigration-Donnell Gilliam; diser of organization-William E. Northern expositions-J. C. Udambian exposition-W pre: Exhibits by trains of cars-1 liber; Manufacturing-J. S - official state organization - Dr. and long; Italicad co-operation; D larkus; Rulroad rates, settlers and spectors - F. W. Kerchner; Exportrent importing-S T. Pearson; Imgration bureau-R. H. Buttle; Fte -- Col. W. M. Picket; Miscellanus-W. T. Dortch; Minerals-G. W. ashaw, Agriculture, Horticulture and enstry-Chas McDonald; Fish and sters-J. J. Wolfen den.

North Carolina Delegation. North Carolina has a very large dele-

ion of its best citizens. Among em I was glad to see the following Merprising spirits: FROM RALEIGH. -Col. A. B. Andrews,

spl. S. A. Ashe, Wm. E. Ashley, cuard H. Battle, Prof. J. R Chamberur. Josephus Daniels, R. T. Gray, W. Primrose, J. T. Patrick, W. L. Hill, B. Hardy, W. W. Upehurch, T. K. maer, F. H. Busbee, TROM WINSTON. - Messrs. G. W. Hin-

Aw. A. H. Eller, J. C. Buxton, R. B. In, P. H Hanes, W. A. Blair, P. M. Ism. W. A. Whitaker, F. M. Sim-M. W. Woods. FROM DURHAM -Messrs. Julian S

att, H A. Reams, E. C. Hackney, THOM GOLDSBORO. - Messrs. Jos. E.

obinson and W. T. Dortch. FROM HENDERSON, -Col. W. H. S. ligwyn Owen Davis, E G. Brodie. FROM MACON COUNTY - Messrs. W. A. ittis, editor Franklin Press, Dr. C. D.

FEM PAMLICO COUNTY .- Messrs. W allo, and Dr. Abbott.

MOORE COUNTY .- A. F. Pape, Scott, J. H. Clark. FROM SALISBURY. - Theo. F. Kluttz, ba A Ramsey.

FROM WILKESBORO, - Richard N. Hack-W. F. Trogden. FROM HENDERSONVILLE - Capt. M. C.

Dr. C. Few, A. Cannon, W. A. Atta, Clerk of the Court Pace, Louis ame, H. K. Edgerton. TROM NEW BERNE.-Hon. John S. Og. Wm. Dunn, Jonathan Havens

N. H. Gray, S. H. Gray, J. J. FROM GREENVILLE. - Col. Isaac A. ag and Jas A. Tucker.

FROM GREENSBORO - Mr. J. W. Fry, the C. F. and Y. V R. R. and the N. Steel and Iron Works; J. Van Lind-R.J. R. Mendenhall, John King. TROM LENOTR-Dr. J. F. Spainhour, W. C. Newland.

FROM STATESVILLE-Maj. W. M. Rob-Sheriff T. J. Allison, George H. ent, H. C. Cowles. FROM CONCORD- J. P. Cook, editor

PEarl; J. B. Sherrill, editor Times; FROM LAURINAURG-W. H. McLaurin

FROM RUTHERFORD-J. A. Forney and

From Marion. R Hitchcock, Dr. Gilkey, J. L C.

J. F. Morphew, H. A. Dudley, apt. J. Brown. From all Over the State.

H. Whitaker, of Graham; Dr. Geo. my, of Brunswick county; W. H. in, of the Governor's staff, New-En Shankle, Senator from Stanly; Murrill, editor Hickory Press and dinian; Dr. W. C. Murphy, editor Surgaw Herald; J. Turner Morehead, resident Leaksville cotton mills; Dr. J. Ourham county; R. W. Sandifer, of Gas- ed to atoms.

tonia; J. W. Fisher, of Webster; W. B. Snaw, of Currituck county; Dr. L. N. Durham, Senator from Cleveland county; W. H. Miller, editor Shelby Augora; A MAN EXPIATES MURDER ON R D. Gilmer, Representative from Haywood; J. C. Bachanan, of Swain; J. C. Ray, Macon; W. W. Zachary, Transylvan- The Aged Sheriff Dies From Exciteia; S. R. Harris; W. L. Hall; George Harrison; E D. Herrick, editor Taylorsville Index; E. R. Hampon, of Sylva; H. P. Jones; A. B. Johns, of Leaksville; Thos. B. Justice, E. J. Justice, S. R Kepler, of Asheville; Jas. Lockhart, of Wadesboro; F. W. Kerchner, of Wilmington; J. M. Leach, Jr., of Leaksville; W. J. Laz mby; Geo. W. Lawrence; J P. Lowry, of Buncombe; M. McRae; Ham-

lone, of Asheville; Eiw. B Norvell, o

Haywood; J. G. Neal, of McDowell; J Pritchard, of Madison; M. Pear all, of Jones; G. W. Parker; J. F. Rae; E. C. Robinson; F Reynolds; H. T. Rumbough, of Warm Springs; N. H. Smith, of Fayetteville; Maj. J. W. Scott, of Moore county; S. O. Smith; B. F. immons; Jno. H. Sharp; Henry Shepard; Peter E. Smith, of Scotland Neck; W. F. Trogden, of New Wilkesboro; D. A. Tompkins; John F. Wilson, of Gaston; G. W. Wilson, of Transylvania; Rev. W C. Wilson, of Iredell; John Wilkes, of Charlotte; J. C. Williams; A. E. Walters; Cot. Geo. Wilhamson, of Caswell; D. L. Taylor, of Wadesboro; J. W. Z Arthur; D.

J. Aaron, editor Mt. Olive Telegram; John T. Allen; A. J. Boyd, of Reidsville; J. A. Buchanan, of Moore; B. B. Burke; W. D. Barnett; Thos. A. Cox; Juo. H. Craig; W. H. Chamberlain; Will X. Coley, editor Mocksville Times; Albert Cara of Inter-State Immigration mee; Jas. W. Cooper, of Murphy; Wills Do. Mr. Bulips, of Louis- Thos. J. Conger; Rev. J. A. Deal; J. I. Davis; J. S. Davis, Senator from Haywood; I. E Everett; F. C. Ferguson; E. W. Faucett, editor Milton Advertiser; Rev. C. L. Fisher; W. H. Freeman; J. W. Fisher; Donnell Gilliam; of Tarboro; J. A. Harrell, editor R. R.

I give the postoffices only of those who gave names and addresses to the secretary. Many failed to do this. There are at least fifty other delegates here whose names were not on the secretary's list, and I regret that I cannot give their names. They all represent some phase of North Carolina's progress. Of the fuller work of the conventions-its successes and its failuresand of Asheville and its clever people I

shall speak later. Adjournment.

The convention adjourned this afternoon at four thirty, after a most successful meeting. This morning all the committees made full reports. The after noon session reports continued. There is great satisfaction over the result and the success of the association for further work is fully assured.

WM. E. ASHLY.

Dress Rehearsal at Salem College -- A Marriage Interrupted by a Fire-Base

THE TWIS-CITY.

Ball, Etc. (Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.)

WINSTON, N. C., Dec. 19. - Last night at the Salem Female college quite a large crowd of invited friends gathered to witness the "Dress Rehearsal," given by the young ladies. It is reported to have been quite success, and fully up to all the entertainments of that institu-

Last evening while a crowd of relatives and friends were gathered at the residence of Mrs. E. M. Black, on Main street, awaiting a marriage ceremony, the chimney caught fire and some one sounded the alarm. The fire bells all over the city rang and both companies rushed to the rescue, but found that the A Robinson, Al. Fairbrother and alarm was false. The ceremony was then conducted by Rev. W. C. Norman which made Mr. Percy Masten and Miss Alice Joyce one.

Last night in the office of Dr. D. N Dalton, a meeting of admirers of baseball was held. The proposition to form a Tri-State League was discussed and a Winsten association organized for the coming year. Several commit-BLADEN COUNTY .- J. H. Clark, tees were appointed to look afrer the organization of this league.

To-night at Oak Ridge Institute the pupils and teachers held a reception and gave their annual fall concert. A large feel sorry, for they were his relatives, crowd attended and many from the but he must say that it was just. A Twin City.

At last the Roanoke and Southern road has been finished to the Virginia line and the work is progressing more | their rear and their case is hopeless. rapidly than ever. With good weather it will be completed to Martinsville, Va., by January 10th. The passenger trains are not yet running to Price's, but will be by the first of the year.

W. A. Blair, Peter M. Wilson and other delegates returned to-day from their trip to the Inter-State Immigration convention at Asheville, and they report a most enjoyable and profitable trip considering the weather.

Mr. Charles W. Shield, of Moscow, Idaho, arrived in the city Wednesday after being away three years. He will spend the holidays at his old home.

M. VICTOR. Fearful Collision.

[By United Press.]

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Dec. 19 .- A fearful collision occurred here yesterday in which three men were killed. A special and regular freight crashed into each other through a misunderstanding of orders. The special was going at such a rapid rate that it and the engine with which it collided dashed a mile up the track before they stopped. John West, a fireman, was instantly killed, and Will Coleman, engineer, was so badly crushed that he died. Nat Potdeagan, of Weaversville; Hugh Mac- ter, brakeman, was also killed and four of Linville; Benehan Cameron, of box cars loaded with freight were dash-

RETRIBUTION.

THE GALLOWS.

ment-Story of a Fearful and Brutal Crime.

[By United Press.]

SHEERBROOKE, Que., Dec. 19,-Remie LaMontague, the murderer of Napoleon Michel, his brother in-law was hanged in the jail yard at 9:27 this morning.

This mornings' tragedy was a double one, for it involved the death of Sheria Webb as well. A few minutes before 9 apartments. Te i minutes later, mess- deficiency bills. engers were running for Dr. Austin, but when he arrived the sheriff was dead. duced by excitement.

LaMontague walked erect with a firm, pale face. He stepped on to the scaffold, knelt down and was absolved. He table, stating that at a convenient time arose and looking vacantly before him he would call it up. repeated a formula that he soon hoped given, the weight fell and the doomed man was jerked up into the air five feet. dead from strangulation.

was banged was a brutal and cold Adams, this force bill would, he predicblooded crime, and the story of the cir- ted, pull down the younger Harrison. cumstances leading to it is most revolt-

latter with the crime.

One evening in July, 1888, after Michel and his wife had retired, La- against the bill on the grounds that the Montague went to the house with a bot- attempt to execute it in the south would tie of whiskey. The couple arose and | be disastrous to both races. He believed sat for awhile with the visitor, drinking | that the safeguards thrown around the

the liquor. of a neighbor, where he told his story and died in a few hours.

A PIE FROM WHENCE.

It Weighed Two Tons -- It Took Ten Days To Build the Oven -- And Then Wasn't Fit to Eat.

feet deep was made in Denby Dale, Yorkshire, in honor of the Jubilee year of Queen Victoria. In it were put 1,-850 lbs. of beef, 180 pounds of mutton, 160 lbs. of veal, 180 lbs, of lamb, 250 lbs. of lean pork, 32 couples of rabbits, three hares, 42 fowls, 40 pigeons, 12 grouse, 21 ducks, four plovers, one turkey, 5 geese, two wild ducks, 100 small birds, and 40 stones of potatoes. In making the crust, 60 stones of flour, 120 of lard, 50 lbs. of butter, 20 lbs. of beef suet, 40 lbs. of beef dripping, and 30 eggs were used. The total weight of the pie and its crust was about two tons and a half. The oven in which it was baked took five men ten days to build it; and 3,000 red bricks, 5,000 fire brick, 500 enameled faced bricks, and 30 cwt. of ficeclay were used in its erection. Unlike that famous one. which, when opened, "the birds began to sing," this pie could not be cooked thoroughly, notwithstanding the huge oven, and to the great dismay of those invited to partake, it was found unfit to

THE INDIANS.

A Fight Imminent --- Red Cloud Trying to Pacify the Hostiles. (By United Press).

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 19 .- A Pine Ridge special says: The military yesterday counted the returned recalcitrants and issued rations to them. There were 1,094. A grand council was held last night. Red Cloud told them that his deal of trouble. If those who are out will not come in, the soldiers, he said, would be forced to kill them. He should fight seems imminent. The hostiles are in the Bid Lands, about sixty miles to the northwest. There are not more than 500 fighting men. Gen. Carr is close in

A TEBRIBLE EXPLOSION.

Eight Hundred Peosons Killed by Carelessness. [By United Press.]

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—The steamship Belgic has arrived here with Chinese advices to November 20th, and Japanese advices to December 3rd. The powder explosion at Taiping was more serious than at first reported, over 800 persons being killed. A Chinaman lighting a pipe while repairing the roof of the powder mill is said to have caused the catastrophe.

Electric Bitters.

This remedy is becoming so well known and so popular as to need no special mention. All who have used Electric Bitters sing the same song of praise. A purer medicine does not exist, and it is guaranteed to do all that is claimed. Electric Bitters will cure all diseases of the Liver and Kidneys, will remove Pimples, Boils, Salt Rheum and other affevers. For cure of Headache, Constipation and Indigestion try Electric Bit-

THE NATIONAL CONGRESS.

The Federal Election Bill Still Being Discussed. [By United Press.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19 .- In the Senate to day, after the transaction of some routine business, Mr. Stafford made a long speech in support of his government two per cent. loan bill to increase the circulating medium. At conclusion of Mr. Staffard's remarks the

The Senate then took up the printing deficiency bill on which some discussion took place, reflecting on the House for o'clock the sheriff arrived at the j il and | the inadequacy of the regular appropriawas admitted to jailer Read's private tion bills, thus necessitating frequent

bill was referred to the committee on

The bill was passed, Mr. Gray offered a preamble and reso-Death was due to acute heart failure in- lution looking to the establishment of reciprocity between the United States and the Dominion of Canada and Mexico, and asked that it be laid upon the

The Federal election bill was then to be in Heaven and did not regret it. taken up, and Mr. Bate continued his The noose was adjusted, the signal argument in opposition to the measure. Mr. Bate declared that its effect would be the organizing of mobs by the govern-Sixteen minutes later he was pronounced ment itself and the leading of them by government officers. As the alien and The murder for which LaMontague sedition law had pulled down the older

Mr. Gibson opposed the bill as not in keeping with the temper of the times. The murdered man, Napoleon Michel, It ought to be entitled "A bill to vest had suspected that his wife was crim- the supervision and control of elections inally intimate with LaMontague, who in the Republican party, and to vest in was her own brother, and charged the that party the permanent organization

of the House of Representatives." Mr. Stewart made an amendment elective franchise in the great cities of When LaMontagne left Michel accom- | the north had been on the whole beneficpanied him a short distance to light him | ial; but a different problem was presenton his way. They had gone but a few ed in the south. He was a friend of the yards when La Montague turned upon colored man and deeply sympathized with Michel and fired two shots at his head. | him; but he could not ask him Michel fell, and when he regained con- to put his life in jeopardy in order to sciousness he found himself in his own | fight the political battle for his (Mr. kitchen, his throat cut, his wrist nearly | Stewart's) advantage. He was equally detached from the arm, and all about a friend to the white man and desired to him in flames. He crawled through a refrain from any act which might seem window, managed to reach the house to justify him (the white man) in making war upon the defenseless race which Congress had enfranchised. Whatever was done in the matter in protecting suffrage at the South, unless it was done through the voluntary action of the people of that section would have to resul in one of two things. If the negro were protected by force, the same force would A pie eight feet in diameter and two inevitably be driven to the necessity of destroying his enemy. That involved the enslavement and final extermination of the whites. There was nothing more certain than that the employment of force would result ultimately in the ex termination either of the blacks or of

the whites. He reviewed the re-construction leg islation and asked how, if President Grant had been unable to protect colored men in their right of suffrage, any other President could do better. The bill ought not to pass, because it never would be enforced, because it would consolidate the Southern whites; because it would bring further misery on the Southern blacks, and because it would increase sectional animosities and kindle anew the discords of the past.

At the close of Mr. Stewart's speech Mr. Hoar had the provisions of the force bill of 1875 read, for the purpose of justifying the opposition made to it by himself and other Republicans.

Mr. Stewart repeated that he opposed the pending bill because proposed to do a thing which could not be done without force. If the time had come when the Republican party was willing to pass the bill and so put the necessary force behind it, and if that was the bill of the Republican party, he would go with it. But he did not believe that the time had ar-

The Senate then, at 5.40, adjourned till to morrow at 10 a. m.

House.

to-day, after some discussion, agreed to send their lists to the chairman of the came back to his rooms, and, as soon as the conference report on the Atkinson, commission. These assessments would be he discovered what was in progresss, Baltimore & Potomac railroad bill for simply for the information of the com- with curses and maledictions stopped heart was broken. They had caused a the District of Columbia. The confermission, and not binding upon it. ence report on the bill amending the act to divide the Sioux Indian reservation in Dakota, was also discussed and agreed to and the House then adjourned.

Indians Hanged.

(By United Press.)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 19.-The Journal's Missoula, Mont., special says: The greatest hanging that ever took place in Montana occurred this morning at 10:J5, when Pierre Paul, La Lasz, Antely and Pascal, the four Indian murderers, were hanged. All died game. The trap fell at 10:45 and the necks of the four Indians were broken. In twenty minutes the bodies were cut

Davitt Denies.

[By United Press.] DUBLIN, 19 .- Michael Davitt, in a

telegram denying that lime was thrown at Parnell at Castle Comer on Monday last, says that the truth is he was pelted with flour and mud by the women and girls of the place. The lime throwing story, is Parnell's latest disgusting dodge to evoke sympathy and divert peoples minds from the real iesue.

Killed While Hunting.

(Davidson Dispatch.)

Thomas Hilton, a young man about 25 years old, and who lived near Thomasville, died on Thursday the 9th from fections caused by impure blood. Will a wound received while out hunting. drive Malaria from the system, and We are informed that he was out huntprevent as well as cure all Malarial ing about two weeks or more ago, and had killed a bird, and was holding it up looking at it when the dog stepped on ters. Entire satisfaction guaranteed, or | the trigger of his gun, the ball striking money refunded. Price 50 cents and him in the arm. It had to be amputated,

RAILROAD TAX VALUE.

A VAST DISCREPANCY IN TAX VALUATION AND CAPITALI-ZATION.

Results of Some Investigations Made by Col. R. M. Douglass-One Road in the State Taxed at \$1,589,000 --While Capitalized at \$15,735,000.

The sessions of the state railroad and corporation investigation committee which were held in Raleigh during the past year were of peculiar interest. Readers of the CHRONICLE will remember some of the results of its work.

While the investigations were in progress, Col. R. M. Douglass, of Greensboro was here on professional business before the committee; and while here he was requested by the Attorney General to give the benefit of whatever information he might obtain relating to taxation during his official investigation of the subject.

In compliance with that request, Col. Douglass has issued a circular letter in

which he says: "I take the liberty of calling your attention to the vast and unaccountable discrepancy between the valuation for taxation of the railroads in this State as shown by the auditor's report for 1889, and the capitalization of the same roads as shown by the report of the inter-state commerce commission on railway statis-

ties for 1888. One instance will suffice: The Western N. C. R R. is assessed for taxation at \$1,589,375 and is reported as capitalized at \$15,735,000, nearly ten times its tax valuation, and 50 per cent. greater than the tax valuation of all railroads in | A Popular Superstition Among Gamthe state, which is given at \$10,003,-

This capitalization comprises \$8,000. 000 of stock and \$7,735,000 of bonds, being stock at the rate of \$43.128.00 and bonds at the rate of \$41,721 00 per mile. aggregating a total capitalization PER MILE of \$84,849 00.

pany are presumed to represent the cost of its property; which, in absence of any | so much innate benevolence on the part evidence to the contrary, is a fair criterion of its value; and private property in | his luck may turn black and bad should this state is said to be assessed, on an he refuse. There is one lmitation, howaverage, at least one-half its value.

The stock and bonds of a railroad com-

\$7,867, 500 00 instead of \$1,589,275 00 as shown by the Auditor's report.

Sach gross disparity between the burdens borne by the corporation and the citizen demands redress, especially as it exists, in a great degree, as to other roads; as for instance, the Statesville & played against himself. Gamblers tell Western, which is assessed for \$26,400. 00 and capitalized at \$800,000.00.

Acting upon the maxim of one of the sages of the law, that: "Blessed be, not the complaining tongue, but the amending hand," I venture to suggest a possible remedy. That is the creation of a of Agriculture and the Chairmen of the Finance Committees of the two Houses of the Legislature.

All questions of railroad taxation should be referred to it, with an appeal

to the courts. cost but little, as the members would be | paused long enough in his pleasure to give they would acquire information peculiarly fitting them for the work of the commission; while the tenure of their offices and the different sources of their election would effectually prevent any suspicion of the commission being packed in the interest of the railroads or against them. The Commissioner of farm lands, which pay the greater part | was subsequently shot to death in Oklaof our taxation, and which, in their homa City, and several others. They present depressed condition, should certainly bear only their just burdens. When one article escapes taxation, the rate is necessarily increased upon what is taxed; and what the locomotive fails

to pay, must be levied upon the mule. should assess all railroad property in he felt worried. The shadow of coming WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The House their respective counties, and should ruin and disaster had fallen on him. He

> elect its own chairman; to sit at different places in the state when necessary; to outlines of \$2,700. The amount itselt summon witnesses and send for books was scarcely a tinscratch to so storng and papers, and require such reports a bank as Rupp's but he took it in especial from all railroads as it may deem proper. grief and gloom as the begining In contested cases the state, as well

STORMY WEATHER.

have the right to appeal by counsel.

Railway Travel Stopped -- Shipwrecks Reported.

[By United Press.]

Dondon, Dec. 10.-A severe snow storm prevails in all parts of Great Brittain. The fall is heavy and continues, and traffic by rail is blocked. Street travel in many of the cities and towns is also difficult. Many minor shipwrecks are already reported and fears are entertained that more serious disasters will

An Anarchist Suicides. [By United Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 19 .- The dead body of a man was found on the basement of Tompkin's market at 7 o'clock this morning. Beside the body was a revolver, with one of its five chambers empty. He had shot himself through the head. Later the suicide was identified as Frederick Boehm, 25 years old, an anarchist. In his pockets were found two books, one being Bellamy's "Looking Backward," and Tom Paynes "Age of Reason." In a note book Boehm left a letter addressed to the public cold or any Throat, Lung or Chest stating that he had wilfully taken his trouble, secure a bottle at once and give own life as it was the only relief to es- it a fair trial. It is guaranteed every cape cruelties and sufferings of the time, or money refunded. Trial bottles present system.

THE A. & M COLLEGE.

Interesting Exercises at the Close of the Current Term.

The first term for the current year, of the College of Agriculture and the Mechanical Arts closed last night.

A very interesting programme was given by the members of the Leazar Literary Society, and the exercises were witnessed and enjoyed by a select gather-

The young gentlemen all acquitted themselves in such a manner as to win the warmest compliments. The follow. ing was the programme observed: Introductory Address-W. F. Mur-

phy, President.

Declamations. "Life' : Battle"-Lewis Bond. "The Night Before Execution"-W. H.

"Scotland's Flag"—J. A. McGregor.
"The New South"—A. Shepard. Essays. "Make Your Mark, Boys"-C. D. Francks. "The Future North Carolinian-S. E.

Asbury. Debate. Query-"Resolved, that Intemperance has been more injurious to man than

Affirmative-C. E. Corpening, W. McN. Lytch, H. E. Bonitz. Negative-S. I. Bagweil, Clem Dowd,

R. W. Allen. Awarding of Medals. Concluding Address-W. F. Murphy,

STORY OF WHITEY RUPP.

blers Apparently Verified in One

It is one of the superstitions of a gambler that he must relieve distress. Were it a thousand times a day that the hand os indigence and suffering should be extended he would feel compelled to load it with a silver of his wealth. It is not of the soldier of fortune as a fear that ever, your gambler lays on his largesse: By this standard the Western North | that is, the beneficiary, in the event of Carolina railroad should be assessed at | his being one of the craft, cannot make it the basis of a play or bet against his benefactor. This another and potential superstitution of the giver contradicts. It is a popular belief that vast losses would attend the free-hearted giver in case his money imparted in charity was many stories in illustration of this.

Whitey Rupp, one time proprietor of a strong and prosperous faro bank in Wichita, is, in his fortunes or misfortnnes, an example often pointed to among the men of chance and hazzard. It was in the earlier eighties, and one railroad commission consisting of the afternoon as the fortunate Rupp was de-State Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioner | scending the stairs which led to the lair of his particular tigar a broken sport named Bill Chenault sought alms at his hands. Rupp was in a good humor. His bank had piled up the ingots the night before; he had just eaten a comfortable dinner; and at this very junc-This commission would not increase ture was meditating a ride behind a the actual number of offices and would dashing span he had the title to. He paid only their actual expenses and a Chenault \$50. Then Rupp went on. reasonable per diem while actually in Chenault, an inveterate gamester, session. In their different positions himself, ate briefly and sparingly on twenty-five cents of the gift and then hastened back to Rupp's bank with the balance and began to play. Had the dealers known the fatal source of his wealth they would have barred him. Chenault won. He won again and again. He then divided his possessions among several of his cronies looking on. Agriculture should be a member, as he | There was Tom Arnold, who now deals is familiar with the productive value of monte in El Paso; Sam Arnold, who blithely shoved the money about Rupp's lay-out in a way to insure the

widest "action." There never such luck attended so diminutive a raid. Rupp was only riding an hour and thirty minutes. Despite The commissioners of the counties his reasons for a high and elate heart, the play of Chenault and his coterie. The commission should have power to Not, however, until they had rolled their bundle of plunder up to the neat of his downfall. Rupp began to any county or railroad interested, should drink, and, to vary his carousings, took large slices of his own bank roll and played against his neighbors' games. He lost thousands in this way. While he was losing to other games his own was being raided by outside gamblers at the pace of a thousand an hour. His bad luck, invoked by the treacherous turning of his gifts against himself by the unprincipled Chenault, never flagged or faltered in its stride, until, in less than two months, Whitey Rupp, loser of \$70,-000, left Wichita, a ruined broken sport. -Kansas City Star.

On the 20th of January the anniversary meeting of the Life Insurance Association will be held in Charlotte. Life insurance touches the pockets in these days of thousands of men and the meeting together of the agents is of interest

to every citizeu in the State. The New Discovery.

You have heard your friends and neighbors talking about it. You may yourself be one of the many who know from personal experience just how good a thing it is. If you have ever tried it, you are one of its staunch friends, because the wonderful thing about it is, that when once given a trial, Dr. King's New Discovery ever after holds a place in the house. If you have never used it and should be afflicted with a cough,